

The rejection of Claims 14, 16 and 22 as being unpatentable over so-called admitted prior art in view of Ito et al. under 35 USC § 103(a) as well as the rejection of Claims 14-22, 24, 26, 30 and 32 over Oosuka et al. in view of Ito et al. also under 35 USC § 103(a) are traversed.

Reconsideration is requested, in part, on grounds that the applicants have indeed perfected their claim to priority. In addition, reconsideration is requested on grounds that an inherency argument in an obviousness rejection, as well as allegations of mere change in size, do not set forth a *prima facie* case of obviousness because they do not constitute substantial record evidence.

Applicants have prepared a comparative sketch (attached) which shows a salient difference between Ito et al. and their claimed invention. The upper part of the sketch is Fig. 4 of the Ito et al. patent, whereas the lower part is Fig. 4 of the present application. In the former, an absorbing air layer 12 is provided to reduce thermal stress. The Ito et al. patent therefore has to provide a specific absorbing layer 12 which increases the size undesirably. According to the present invention, a gap portion 50 is formed by peeling off between a surface of wire material of a primary coil and an insulation-use resin. As a result, the gap portion is formed without the large air space 12.

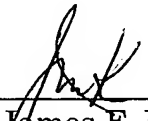
Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action upon all the claims in this application, including new Claims 33-35, are earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381NT/48610CO).

Respectfully submitted,

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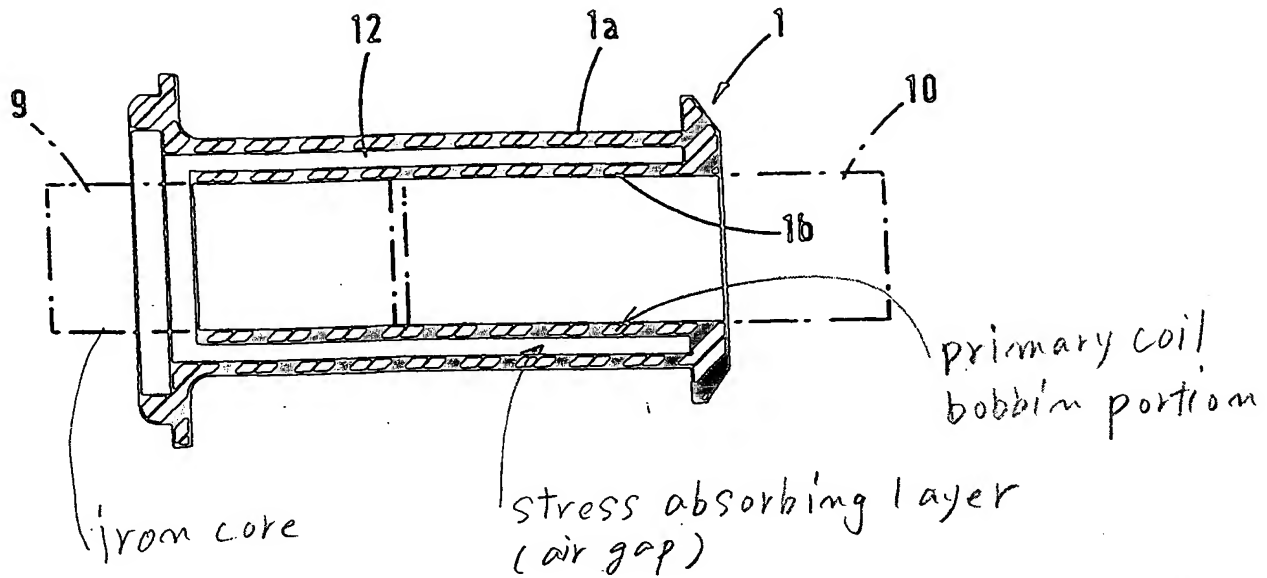
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Sketch (I)

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Sketch (II)

FIG. 4.

Present invention

